

REMARKS

In this Office Action, claims 21-40 are pending. Claims 27 and 30-40 were rejected, claims 28 and 29 were objected to and claims 21-26 were allowed.

Claims 28 and 29 have been rewritten to include the claimed apparatus of independent claim 27 and, therefore, are in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. With respect to the remaining rejected claims, reconsideration of these claims is respectfully requested based upon the following.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 27, 30-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rendleman in view of Busch.

In the reasons for allowance, the Office Action states:

"Each of the above claims deals includes or depends on a claim that includes, differentiation of chips that have essentially been grouped together by a user in a single bet. This is a change from prior art systems where the side-bets (i.e. the progressive bets) have been kept distinct by being kept in a separate pile. ..."

Independent claims 27 and 36 have been amended to recite this feature and are believed in condition for allowance.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to give the below-listed attorney a call. If additional fees are required, please debit our Deposit Account No. 04-1414.

Respectfully submitted,

DORR, CARSON, SLOAN, BIRNEY & KRAMER, P.C.

Date: 11/30/04

By: Robert C. Dorr

Robert C. Dorr
Reg. No. 27,782
3010 East 6th Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80206
(303) 333-3010